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TO KNOW AND BELIEVE: STUDIES IN THE APOSTLE'S CREED. By John McGaw Foster. Longmans.

The author's attitude toward Christian doctrine is expressed at the outset. The primary purpose of Christian doctrine is not to be an end in itself, but a means towards the establishment and development of Christian character. Though doctrine is not the 'life' or the 'body,' it is the 'meat' and the 'raiment.' Though not containing any special contribution to Christian thought, this little volume sets forth the implications of the Apostle's Creed in a clear and attractive way, and is marked throughout by good sense and balance. The facts of the Creed are developed with a steady view to their bearing upon Christian life.

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PUBLIC WORSHIP IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER. By the Rev. C. R. D. Biggs, D.D. Longmans.

This book by the vicar of one of the Oxford city parishes, is primarily intended for the use of laymen. The author's method throughout is homiletical and explanatory. The book contains much valuable information upon the topics treated, which include the various services of the Prayer Book. It is divided into two parts, the first being historical, and the second explanatory. It is written in a fresh, interesting way, and abounds in historical and illustrative anecdote. A very useful book.

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THE BIRD: ITS FORM AND FUNCTION. By C. William Beebe. New York: Henry Holt & Co.

This is another volume of the *American Nature Series*, one of which, Britton's *Trees*, was reviewed in the pages of our October issue, last year. Here we have a work that has been before the public long enough to elicit more than the critic's review, namely, the approbation of the untechnical student of science. The author is numbered among the ever-increasing host of those opposed to the scientific formalism of the past and who are fully cognizant of the need of studying facts rather than forms. In fact the book voices this revolt against traditional